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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for transferring loaded containers between a delivery vehicle and a dockside located sea vessel by use of a crane having a spreader bar suspended therefrom, comprising: a mobile loader including a fixedly attached motorized cab for propelling the mobile loader to a load transfer dockside location underlying the crane; a platform in the loader having guide rails, the platform for carrying at least one of the containers between the guide rails; motorized means mounted on the platform to move the guide rails into engagement with the at least one container and flare means to position the spreader bar of the crane into alignment with the at least one container; hoist means for the transfer of the at least one container between the platform and the delivery vehicle positioned within the loader, wherein the flare means are flare shaped ends of the guide rails for redirecting the spreader bar to position the spreader bar into said alignment with the at least one container; lift means connected to the platform for elevation thereof to decrease required descent of the spreader bar from the crane toward the at least one container carried on the platform, wherein said loader comprises a wheeled frame having a first pair of vertical posts and a second pair of vertical posts, the loader having an elongated bottom support with the lift means disposed in underlying relation to the platform, the platform adjacent the first pair of vertical posts, and a delivery vehicle receiving opening adjacent the second pair of vertical posts, the apparatus further including sensor grid

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means operatively connected to the motorized means and the hoist means for controlling said movement of the at least one container in accordance with variations in location and size thereof on the delivery vehicle and the platform, the sensor grid means positioned between the second pair of vertical posts adjacent the delivery vehicle opening.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)